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## **Minneapolis Man Convicted of Bank Robbery**

Minneapolis - A local man has been convicted of the July, 2006, robbery of the TCF Bank on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. A jury found Calvin James, age 39, guilty of that crime earlier today in federal court. The verdict followed a four-day trial before U.S. District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery.

Evidence at trial proved that on July 23, 2006, James entered the East Lake Street branch of TCF Bank and approached a teller. He placed a black bag on the counter, leaned over, and said words to the effect, "There is a gun in the bag, and you're being robbed." The teller gave James some cash, which included bait bills and a dye pack. James then left the premises. Law enforcement initiated an investigation and eight days later executed a state search warrant at the St. Paul motel room registered to Calvin James. Inside the motel room, police seized, among other things, U.S. currency stained with red dye, towels and cotton swabs stained with dye, and an empty

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bottle of robbing alcohol. James was arrested later that day at a different motel. At the time of his arrest, James was in possession of a large sum of money stained with red dye. Inside the motel room where the arrest took place, officers found dye-stained clothing and currency as well as a black nylon bag similar to the one used in the robbery.

James is career criminal, having been convicted of three felonies previously, including one for bank robbery. In this case, he faces a maximum potential penalty of twenty years in federal prison. His actual sentence, however, will be determined by Judge Montgomery and imposed at a sentencing hearing not yet scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the St. Paul Police Department and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Chris S. Wilton and Anders Folk.

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